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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR SCS/STS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that some schemes for the welfare of those belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are not being implemented effectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons therefor;

(c) whether any complaints have been received by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes andScheduled Tribes in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure speedy and effective implementation of the schemes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs provide dueCentral Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations forimplementation of its Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes . Towards making the implementation of these schemes more effective, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs address the State Governments/Union Territory Administration in respect of specific schemes. Besides, the implementation aspects of the scheme are also discussed during the meetings with the concerned Secretaries of State Governments/U.T Administrations. However, the specific representations whenreceived from any quarter, are taken up with the concerned State Governments/U.T Administrations for redressal.

(c) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes receives representations fromindividuals/organizations, which are taken up with the concerned authorities for appropriate action.

(d) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs ensure speedy andeffective implementation of the schemes by taking following steps:

(i) Sanction of grant to States/UTs is made on the basis of detailed examination of the proposals received.

(ii) Utilisation Certificates are insisted upon in respect of past releases before fresh releases are made.

(iii) Periodic progress reports are obtained from the States/UTs, showing the progress ofimplementation of schemes, the beneficiaries covered and other relevant information/data.

(iv) Senior officers from the Ministry visit the States/UTs to assess the progress of the implementation of the schemes.

(v) Meeting with the State Secretaries in charge of the subject are convened to ascertain the implementation of the schemes.

(vi) In the case of the schemes implemented through the Non-GovernmentalOrganizations (NGOs), funds are released after an assessment of the standing of the NGO, past performance etc. Apart from the periodic progress reports, the NGOs arerequired to furnish annual accounts and audited reports and utilization certificates on the basis of which further release of funds are made. Inspection of NGOs is alsoundertaken through State Governments /UT officials and other authorities and alsoby the central Government Officers.